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MEDIA ADVISORY

World AIDS Day to be Commemorated with Documentary, Celebration
Department of Public Health's HIV Prevention Program recognizes success

EL PASO, Texas – To celebrate the many strides our community has made during the HIV epidemic, the Department of Public Health will commemorate World AIDS day during a special reception that will feature a screening of the film titled "5B" which tells the story of the country's first hospital ward designed to care for people diagnosed with AIDS.

The event will take place:

Monday, December 2, 2019; 5:30 p.m.
El Paso Community Foundation Room
333 North Oregon

In addition to the movie, public health officials will be honoring those advocates, activists, and allies who have been a part of the struggle for the past 38 years.

Background:

5B is the inspirational story of everyday heroes who took extraordinary action to comfort, protect and care for the patients of the first HIV/AIDS ward unit in the United States at San Francisco General Hospital. 5B is stirringly told through first-person testimony of the nurses and caregivers who built Ward 5B in 1983, their patients, loved ones, and staff who volunteered to create care practices based in humanity and holistic well-being during a time of great uncertainty. The result is an uplifting yet candid and bittersweet monument to a pivotal moment in American history and a celebration of quiet heroes' worthy of renewed recognition. More information on the film is available at: <https://5bfilm.com/>

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